

Though the claims are not amended by this paper, the below listing of claims is given for the convenience of the Examiner.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A system comprising:
a plurality of memory bus masters, each to generate an independent clock signal on respective outputs, each of said outputs connected by a transmission line to a common node, said common node additionally connected to a plurality of clock inputs of a memory array; and
an isolation circuit coupled between each of said transmission lines and said common node, the isolation circuit including a switching device coupled to a respective transmission line and a corresponding respective control input, the respective control input to select or de-select the respective transmission line for input to the memory array.
2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the control inputs select one of said plurality of memory bus masters to drive a corresponding clock signal to said memory array while isolating the transmission lines of the other bus masters from said common node.
3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said control inputs are supplied by a memory bus arbiter.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said isolation circuit places a high impedance between said common node and said transmission lines.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said isolation circuit comprises a plurality of FETs.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said isolation circuit is a multiplexer.

7. (Previously presented) In a computer board layout including a memory array and plurality of memory bus masters, a method comprising:

connecting each of said bus masters to a common node via a transmission line;

connecting said memory array to said common node; and

placing an isolation circuit between each of said transmission lines and said common node;

in the isolation circuit, pairing each of the transmission lines with a corresponding respective control input to select one of said bus masters to drive a clock input to said memory array while isolating the transmission lines of the other bus masters from said common node.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A circuit comprising:

a plurality of transmission lines coupled between respective bus master clock outputs and a common node;

a plurality of memory modules coupled to said common node; and

an isolation circuit coupled between said plurality of transmission lines and said common node, the isolation circuit including a switching device coupled to a respective transmission line and a corresponding respective control input, the respective control input to select or de-select the respective transmission line for input to the memory modules.

10. (Previously presented) The circuit of claim 9, further comprising:

bus arbiter means to determine values of the control inputs to select one of said bus master clock outputs to drive to said memory modules, while selecting the transmission lines associated with the other bus master clock signals for isolation from said common node.

11. (Original) The circuit of claim 9, wherein a clock input of each of said memory modules is connected to said common node.

12. (Original) The circuit of claim 9, where said memory modules are SDRAM modules.

13. (Previously presented) A method comprising:
connecting transmission lines from a plurality of memory bus masters to a common node;
connecting a memory array to said common node;
pairing each of the transmission lines with a corresponding respective control input to select one of said bus masters to drive a clock input to said memory array while isolating the transmission lines of the other bus masters from said common node
selecting one of said memory bus masters to drive clock outputs to said memory array by asserting a corresponding respective control input; and
introducing a high impedance between the transmission lines of the other memory bus masters and said common node by asserting the other control inputs.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said control inputs are from a memory bus arbiter.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said high impedance comprises FETs.